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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRANSIT THROUGH KHARTOUM

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- 1. WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO SECRETARY'S TRANSIT THROUGH KHARTOUM ON FRIDAY MORNING APRIL 14. LOCAL TIME HERE IS TWO HOURS AHEAD OF GREENWICH WHICH PUTS HIS SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT 0820 LOCAL AND DEPARTURE AT 0950.
- 2. WE HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED CLEARANCE FOR AIRCRAFT. I HAVE PASSED WORD OF SECRETARY'S TRANSIT TO VP AND FONMIN RASHID AL TAHIR AS WELL AS FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY HASHIM OSMAN. LATTER SAID HE WAS INFORMING PRESIDENCY.
- 3. DESPITE FACT FRIDAY IS MOSLEM WEEKLY HOLIDAY, I BELIEVE PARTY WILL BE MET BY VP AND FONMIN AND OFFERED REFRESHMENTS AT AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE. WHILE SUDANESE ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION, THEY WILL ALSO DOUBTLESS SEEK SECRETARY'S VIEWS ABOUT SITUATIONS IN HORN OF AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. SUDANESE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THREAT TO THEM THEY PERCEIVE AS A RESULT OF SOVIET-CUBAN MILITARY BUILDUP IN ETHIOPIA.
- 4. I HOPE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE ENTIRE AMERICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF OF THIS MISSION, WITH THEIR SPOUSES, TO BE ON HAND AT AIRPORT TO GREET THE SECRETARY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS. BERGUS

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